

# ROUND-BY-ROUND ACCOUNT OF TITLE BOUT

## McLarnin's Manager Protests, But Jack Dempsey Referees Battle in Which Ross Regains Welterweight Crown

NEW YORK, May 28 (A P)—Jimmy McLarnin, veteran champion of the welterweights, lost his title to Barney Ross for the second time tonight in a 15-round duel in the Polo Grounds. Ross entered the ring a 2-to-1 favorite. He weighed 141 pounds, heaviest of his career; McLarnin 144½.

The referee was Jack Dempsey, the judges, George Le Cron and Abe Goldberg.

Careful in all things, both fighters brought the gloves they used into the ring, where they were put on before the watchful eyes of the seconds.

As Ross and McLarnin were being introduced, "Pop" Foster, manager of McLarnin, ordered preparations halted while he demanded that some other referee than Dempsey be put in the center of the ring.

"He's been with the other fellow all the time," Foster insisted as those around the ringside booed him heartily.

"You couldn't have a squarer man in there," retorted Gen John J. Phelan, chairman of the Boxing Commission, "Get in there with your man and go about your business."

The fight by rounds:

### Ross Wins First Three

ROUND ONE—They came out cautiously, Barney stabbing two light lefts to the head as McLarnin glanced a short left off the challenger's skull. They slipped in close and tapped each other with short right jolts to the head. After feinting carefully, Ross whipped a hard left hook to McLarnin's jaw and the festivities really got under way. McLarnin whanged Barney's head back with two left hooks and the challenger crowded right back on top of him, whipping a half dozen lefts to the head. They stuck exclusively to their left hand weapons, and as Barney loosed another barrage of left hooks, McLarnin dodged so skillfully Ross missed and almost fell. They slugged in mid-ring with both hands, and Ross slammed the first right to McLarnin's jaw as the bell sounded. Ross' round.

ROUND TWO—Ross snapped his left three times into McLarnin's face, but he missed three more as Jimmy bobbed before him. McLarnin chased his challenger to the ropes, landed one good left hook to the head, but missed with both hands as they came away. Ross drove the champion to the ropes, smashing his head with lefts and rights in a furious outburst. McLarnin sagged as Ross smashed a half dozen lefts and rights full to his chin. Jimmy retreated and took another pasting about the head. He boxed carefully back to mid-ring, holding Barney off with his long left hand, but again the challenger swept in and rified his head with a half dozen lefts and rights just as the bell sounded. Ross' round.

ROUND THREE—Ross was still careful. He jabbed McLarnin's head back with a left and jumped back from a right to the body. They stabbed cautiously at long range. McLarnin slipped one left hook to the head, but Barney evened it with a hard left hook to the jaw and they fell into a clinch. McLarnin fired a short left hook and a right to the chin, but Barney thudded two crashing left hooks on the Irishman's jawbone that set the big crowd to howling. Ross stabbed carefully and McLarnin drove him to the ropes with two heavy rights to the body. Ross' round.

### McLarnin Takes Fourth

ROUND FOUR—Ross was dazzlingly fast and sharp as he danced around the champion. Catching Jimmy's left jabs and hooks on his glove, spiking the champion's head with lefts before they fell into a body-punching clinch. They came out of that to fence again and Jimmy hooked one good left to the head in return for a Ross left. Jimmy's left shot into Ross' face and brought blood from the challenger's nose. Ross, infuriated, drove the champion into a corner and belted him lustily about the head. Jimmy stalked him carefully, landed two more rights to the head and they hammered each other furiously along the hemp. McLarnin whipped a nice left hook to the head and stabbed Ross' bad nose again. McLarnin's round.

ROUND FIVE—Barney's nose still bled and McLarnin stabbed for it with his long left. Jimmy chased the challenger to the ropes but Barney ducked away and whipped a left hook to the head. McLarnin glanced a left hook off Barney's head and they fell into a long clinch, pounding with one free hand. Barney was very careful and McLarnin landed another left hook to the face before missing a hard right. They went into another clinch. As they came away Ross drove a terrific left and right into McLarnin's head, straightening

him up, then smashed the Irishman's jaw with another pair of lefts and rights that brought the crowd to its feet with a roar. McLarnin shook his head, backed away, and they were stabbing carefully at the bell. Ross' round.

ROUND SIX—The seconds seemed finally to have stopped Barney's nose bleed. McLarnin drove Barney to the ropes with a body barrage, but took a hard left hook on the chin. As McLarnin missed a left, Barney hooked him twice on the head. McLarnin's left started the trickle again on Barney's nose. Ross chased McLarnin into the ropes with a two-hand barrage to the head as Jimmy bobbed away. Barney forced the champion into a corner and thundered both hands to his body, then whipped them to the head before falling into a clinch where McLarnin drove a hard right under the heart. They were wrestling in mid-ring, pounding with one hand free, at the bell. Ross' round.

### Jimmy's Eye Swells

ROUND SEVEN—They dropped quickly into a clinch and rested. McLarnin slid under Barney's left and whipped both hands to the body, but Barney's elbows were in the way. They lanced at each other's heads with lefts again and the blood started once more from Barney's nose. McLarnin flung a beautiful left hook to the point of Ross' jaw, chasing him across the ring with left jabs, and nailed him again with a left hook to the head as they came out of a vicious body-punching spree. Charging furiously, Ross buried a left hook deep in the champion's body, then raked his chin with a left hook. McLarnin punched back furiously, landing two lefts to the head, but Ross nailed him with another right to the chin as the bell rang. Ross' round.

ROUND EIGHT—There was a slight swelling over McLarnin's left eye, and Barney's nose still bled as they danced to mid-ring, swapping long left jabs. McLarnin's left hook scratched the skin under Ross' left eye and Jimmy jumped in with a quick flurry to the body. Barney fought right back at him with a left hook to the head and a right to the body and they roughed about mid-ring. Both hooked hard to the head together and McLarnin, following fast, stabbed Barney's head with left jabs, driving him into the ropes. They fought their way out in a clinch to mid-ring, swapping left hooks and right crosses in a jarring head exchange that set the crowd howling again. Punching swifter and cleaner, McLarnin rapped Barney heavily about the head with both hands. McLarnin's round.

ROUND NINE—McLarnin, boxing with utmost care, shot a half dozen left jabs into Barney's head without a return, ripped both hands to the body, and got back to mid-ring unscathed. Jimmy whipped a long left hook into Barney's head and the challenger stepped back, blinking. McLarnin shot Ross' head back with three more lefts before Barney ripped into him furiously on the ropes, smashing the champion's head back with three left hooks and a jarring right cross. They stood in mid-ring, toe to toe, and smashed left and right to each other's heads. In a furious exchange Ross drove both hands deep in the Irishman's body while McLarnin ripped a left hook to the jaw. Even round.

### Rivals Slug Toe to Toe

ROUND 10—Jimmy stalked the challenger across the ring, found an opening for his famous hook as Barney backed to the ropes, and the challenger's head shot back under a volley of three lefts and a short glancing right. Barney danced clear, stabbed at McLarnin's head, but took three more left jabs on the head. Barney suddenly charged the champion to the ropes and drilled his body with a half-dozen left and right smashes. Jimmy fought him off with a left hook to the head as they came to mid-ring, but again Ross smashed both hands into the champion sides, forcing him to hold. Jimmy backed away again, but Ross was hammering his body again as the bell rang. Ross' round.

ROUND 11—McLarnin's left eye was beginning to close as he walked out and immediately clinched. McLarnin jumped in with three short left hooks to the head and a right uppercut that blasted the challenger's head back. McLarnin stabbed his way to another opening, then banged Barney's head with two pretty hooks. Barney cut McLarnin's left eyebrow with a left hook and shook him to his heels with a beautiful right cross. They were both tired, but they stood toe to toe and slugged wildly to the body. They clinched and Barney flicked a sharp left hook to the head. Ross' round by a shade.

ROUND 12—McLarnin sparred a

moment, then rocketed Barney's head back with a hard left hook. Barney blinked and McLarnin slipped another left hook through his guard and three left jabs to his sore nose. Ross hooked a left to the body that was very low and the crowd roared, but Referee Dempsey did not warn him. McLarnin bobbed inside Ross guard and drilled both hands to the body, but Barney slashed to the body all the way across the ring and made the Irishman hold. Jimmy dropped his left hook deep in Barney's body again, then chased him into the ropes with a terrific two-fisted attack to the sides. Barney dug in his toes and hammered back at McLarnin all the way across the ring, but he was getting the worst of the body exchange as the bell rang. McLarnin's round.

### Barney Staggers Champion

ROUND 13—They came up slowly, both obviously tired. Barney retreated to the ropes as McLarnin's left shot his head back, but he flung back in with two hard left hooks to the ribs. Ross hooked his left hard to the stomach, held a moment, then ripped into Jimmy's body again. McLarnin retreated into a corner and Ross stayed on top of him, thundering both fists into the Irishman's stomach. Jimmy bent under the furious attack and Ross straightened him up with two rights to the jaw. Again Barney shifted a savage attack to the body and as they straightened out both whipped hard rights to battered faces. As the bell rang both sagged a little. Ross' round.

ROUND 14—McLarnin's long left dotted Barney's face a half-dozen times. Jimmy bobbed, slipped two light left hooks to the head, then jabbed Ross' nose three times. They fell into two clinches. Then Barney clipped McLarnin's jaw with a left hook, fired a right into the head, and beat the Irishman's body on the ropes. As they straightened up, McLarnin twice drove Barney's head back with left hooks. They slid in close and Ross had the better of a heavy body exchange. McLarnin reeled for a moment as Ross smashed him on the chin with a beautiful left hook coming out of a clinch. McLarnin's mouth popped open, and Ross hammered his body up to the bell. Ross' round.

ROUND 15—They fenced in mid-ring before McLarnin landed a half-dozen light lefts on Barney's chin. They clinched and Ross smashed both hands into the champion's body. Jimmy whipped a terrific right to the head, but Barney gritted his teeth and slashed away again to the body with both hands. McLarnin chased his challenger to the ropes and they stood head to head, slugging frantically to the ribs, but so tired they could scarcely stand. A left hook whipped Ross' head back and they slid into the ropes punching weakly but furiously, head to head. They leaned on each other, but never stopped firing as the crowd howled. The bell found them still punching almost by instinct. McLarnin's round.